

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the blocking of property of additional persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-60)

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—185)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m. and adjourned at 3:27 p.m., until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday,

July 26, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7485.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James A. Williams, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warner and former Secretary of Homeland Security Thomas J. Ridge, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

OFFSHORE TAX HAVENS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine financial institutions located in offshore tax havens, focusing on ways to strengthen United States domestic and international tax enforcement efforts, after receiving testimony from Steven Greenfield, New York, New York; and Peter S. Lowy, Beverly Hills, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 28, 2008 in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

MORTGAGE SERVICING PRACTICES FORECLOSURE MITIGATION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "A Review of Mortgage Servicing Practices and Foreclosure Mitigation." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXECUTIVE POWER AND ITS CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on Executive Power and Its Constitutional Limitations. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kucinich, Hinchey, Jones of North Carolina and Miller of North Carolina; former Representatives Elizabeth Holtzman of New York and Bob Barr of Georgia;

Bruce Fein, former Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 26 through August 2, 2008

Senate Chamber

On Saturday, at 9 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3221, Foreclosure Prevention Act, and vote on the motion to concur therein at 11 a.m.;

following which, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3186, Warm in Winter and Cool in Summer Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: July 29, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, with the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold joint hearings to examine food marketing to children, focusing on ways to make it safer, 11 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: July 28, to hold a briefing related to Air Force nominations, 11 a.m., SR-222.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the North Korean Six-Party Talks and implementation activities, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 29, to hold hearings to examine the state of the insurance industry, focusing on the current regulatory and oversight structure, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 29, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John P. Hewko, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

July 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ways to improve consumer protection in the prepaid calling card market, 10 a.m., SR-253.

July 31, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 3198, to amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to the navigation of submersible or semi-submersible vessels without nationality, S. 3274, to reauthorize the 21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act, H. Con. Res. 375, to honor the goal of the International Year of Astronomy, H. Con. Res. 305, recognizing the importance of bicycling in transportation and recreation, an original bill entitled, "The Whaling Amendments Act of 2008", the nomination of John P. Hewko, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and a promotion list in the United States Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: July 30, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1816, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a commemorative trail in connection with the Women's Rights National Historical Park to link properties that are historically and thematically associated with the struggle for women's suffrage, S. 2093, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 2535, to revise the boundary of the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site, S. 2561, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study to identify sites and resources to commemorate and interpret the Cold War, S. 3011, to amend the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 to expand the boundaries of the historic site,

S. 3113, to reinstate the Interim Management Strategy governing off-road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina, pending the issuance of a final rule for off-road vehicle use by the National Park Service, S. 3148, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, S. 3158, to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, S. 3226, to rename the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site in the State of Kentucky as the "Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park", S. 3247, to provide for the designation of the River Raisin National Battlefield Park in the State of Michigan, and H.R. 5137, to ensure that hunting remains a purpose of the New River Gorge National River, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the state of the nation's transmission grid, focusing on the implementation of the transmission provisions of the Energy Policy Act (Public Law 109-58), including reliability, siting, and infrastructure investment, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: July 29, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR), focusing on a recent court decision and its implications, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: July 29, to hold hearings to examine the future of United States trade policy, focusing on perspectives from former United States trade representatives, 10 a.m., SD-215.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine health benefits in the tax code, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 29, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ways to define the military's role towards foreign policy, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: July 29, Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), focusing on protecting workers from dangerous dust at the workplace, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: July 29, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the magnitude of outstanding payroll tax debt, focusing on the policies and procedures that are used to collect unpaid payroll taxes, 9 a.m., SD-342.

July 30, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2583, to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) in order to prevent the loss of billions in taxpayer dollars, S. 3176, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to provide mental health and substance abuse services, H.R. 3068, to prohibit the award of contracts to provide guard services under the contract security guard program of the Federal Protective Service to a business concern that is owned,

controlled, or operated by an individual who has been convicted of a felony, H.R. 404, to require the establishment of customer service standards for Federal agencies, S. 3328, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for a one-year extension of other transaction authority, S. 3241, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1717 Orange Avenue in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the “CeeCee Ross Lyles Post Office Building”, H.R. 6150, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14500 Lorain Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the “John P. Gallagher Post Office Building”, H.R. 6085, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42222 Rancho Las Palmas Drive in Rancho Mirage, California, as the “Gerald R. Ford Post Office Building”, H.R. 5477, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 South Del Mar Avenue in San Gabriel, California, as the “Chi Mui Post Office Building”, H.R. 5631, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1155 Seminole Trail in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the “Corporal Bradley T. Arms Post Office Building”, H.R. 5483, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10449 White Granite Drive in Oakton, Virginia, as the “Private First Class David H. Sharrett II Post Office Building”, H.R. 6061, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 219 East Main Street in West Frankfort, Illinois, as the “Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building”, H.R. 4210, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Washington Avenue in Weldon, North Carolina, as the “Dock M. Brown Post Office Building”, an original bill entitled, “Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 2008”, and the nominations of Gus P. Coldebella, of Massachusetts, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, James A. Williams, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services, Carol A. Dalton, Anthony C. Epstein, and Heidi M. Pasichow, all to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-342.

July 30, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine planning for post-catastrophe housing needs, focusing on if the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has developed an effective strategy for housing large numbers of citizens displaced by a disaster, 12 noon, SD-562.

July 31, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the state of information technology planning in the federal government, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

July 31, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness to examine ways to ensure the delivery of donated goods to survivors of catastrophes, 1 p.m., 311 Cannon Building.

July 31, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine reliance on smart

power, focusing on reforming the foreign assistance bureaucracy, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: July 31, business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine Indian health service management, focusing on lost property, wasteful spending and document fabrication, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: July 29, to hold hearings to examine music and radio in the 21st century, focusing on assuring fair rates and rules across the platforms, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine hiring at the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S.J. Res. 45, expressing the consent and approval of Congress to an inter-state compact regarding water resources in the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin, 1 p.m., SD-226.

July 31, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 3155, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, S. 2746, to amend section 552(b)(3) of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act) to provide that statutory exemptions to the disclosure requirements of that Act shall specifically cite to the provision of that Act authorizing such exemptions, to ensure an open and deliberative process in Congress by providing for related legislative proposals to explicitly state such required citations, S. 3061, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, S. 2838, to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration, S. 3136, to encourage the entry of felony warrants into the NCIC database by States and provide additional resources for extradition, S. 1276, to establish a grant program to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, and S. 3197, to amend title 11, United States Code, to exempt for a limited period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 31, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine consolidation in the Pennsylvania health insurance industry, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: July 30, to hold hearings to examine S. 3212, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide for auditable, independent verification of ballots, to ensure the security of voting systems, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: July 30, business meeting to mark up an original bill to reauthorize the Small Business Innovation Research Program, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: July 29, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

July 30, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: July 31, to hold hearings to examine aging in rural America, focusing on preserving elderly citizen's access to health care, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, July 30, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research, hearing to review electricity reliability in rural America, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

July 30, Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture, hearing to review legal and technological capacity for full traceability in fresh produce, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, July 30, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Food Safety-FDA-Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, 1:30 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, July 30, and 31, hearings on Implications of the Supreme Court's Boumediene Decision for Detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba: Non-governmental Perspective on July 30 and Administration Perspectives on July 31, 10 a.m., on July 30, and 2 p.m., on July 31, 2118 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on A New U.S. Grand Strategy (Part 2), 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on Navy Destroyer Acquisition Programs, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, July 30, hearing on Rising Food Prices: Budget Challenges, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, July 29, Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities, hearing on Caring for the Vulnerable: The State of Social Work in America," 3 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on Health, Employment and Pensions, hearing on the Proposed Delta/Northwest Airline Merger: The Impact on Workers, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Workforce Projects, hearing on The Growing Income Gap in the American Middle Class, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, July 31, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 6594, James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Recent Salmonella Outbreak: Lessons Learned and Consequences to Industry and Public Health," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, July 29, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "What

Borrowers Need to Know About Credit Scoring Models and Credit Scores," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 30, full Committee, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 6308, Municipal Bond Fairness Act; H.R. 5772, Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2008; H.R. 5244, Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2008; H.R. 6078, GREEN Act of 2008; and H.R. 840, Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, hearing entitled "Examining Issues Related to Tactilely Distinguishable Currency," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, July 29, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Update on the Situation in Lebanon, 4 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, hearing on Foreign Aid and the Fight Against Terrorism and Proliferation: Leveraging Foreign Aid to Achieve U.S. Policy Goals, 10:30 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Energy in the Americas, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, July 30, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "Reassessing the Threat: The Future of Al Qaeda and Its Implications for Homeland Security," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

July 30, Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, hearing entitled "The Quadrennial Homeland Security Review," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, July 31, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 5884, Sunshine in Litigation Act of 2008, 10:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on H.R. 5607, State Secret Protection Act of 2008, 12:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 6598, Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act of 2008; and H.R. 6597, Animal Cruelty Statistics Act of 2008, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, July 31, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the impacts that U.S. consumer demand is having on the illegal and unsustainable trade of wildlife products and ongoing and proposed efforts to increase public awareness about these impacts, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, July 30, hearing on Deficient Electrical Systems at U.S. Facilities in Iraq, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Gaming the Tax Code: Public Subsidies, Private Profits, and Big League Sports in New York, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing entitled "Critical Budget Issues Affecting the 2010 Census—Part 2," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, oversight hearing on Sexual Assault in the Military, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, July 29, to consider H.R. 6599, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2009, 4:45 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, July 30, hearing on NASA at 50: Past Accomplishments and Future Opportunities and Challenges, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 31, hearing on Oversight of the Federal Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, July 30, Subcommittee on Regulations, Health Care and Trade, hearing entitled "Regulatory Burdens on Small Firms: What Rules Need Reform?" 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

July 31, full Committee, hearing entitled "Cost and Confidentiality: The Unforeseen Challenges of Electronic Health Records in Small Specialty Practices, 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, July 30, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Credit Crunch: A Hearing on the Effects on Federal Leasing and Construction, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Protecting and Restoring America's Great Waters—Part II: Chesapeake Bay, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans Affairs, July 31, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Billions Spent on "Miscellaneous" Expenditures: Inadequate Controls at the VA, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, July 31, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on Racial Disproportionality in Foster Care, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, July 30, executive, briefing on Congressional Notifications, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

July 30, Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, hearing on Security Clearance Reform, 2:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

July 31, full Committee, executive, briefing on Revisions to Executive Order 12333, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

July 31, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, July 30, hearing entitled "What's Cooking with Gas: the Role of Natural Gas in Energy Independence and Global Warming Solutions," 1:30 p.m., room to be announced.

July 31, hearing entitled "Renewing America's Future: Energy Visions of Tomorrow, Today," 9:30 a.m., room to be announced.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: July 31, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness to examine ways to ensure the delivery of donated goods to survivors of catastrophes, 1 p.m., 311 Cannon Building.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: July 29, to hold hearings to examine human rights and democratization in Azerbaijan, focusing on the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the Council of Europe's numerous concerns, including freedom of the media, political prisoners and the conduct of elections, 3 p.m., B13, Rayburn Building.

Joint Economic Committee: July 30, to hold hearings to examine ways to solve the energy crisis, 10 a.m., SD-106.